

General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by: (VA)

AN ACT CONCERNING PROHIBITED ACTIVITY ON PROPERTY CONTROLLED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2014) (a) Notwithstanding the
- 2 provisions of sections 29-35 and 53-206 of the general statutes, a person
- 3 is guilty of possession of a weapon upon property controlled by the
- 4 Department of Veterans' Affairs when, knowing that such person is
- 5 not privileged to do so, such person possesses a deadly weapon, as
- 6 defined in section 53a-3 of the general statutes, in or on the real
- 7 property comprising the Veterans' Home or any real property owned
- 8 or controlled by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.
- 9 (b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to
- 10 the otherwise lawful possession of a deadly weapon by (1) a person for
- 11 use in a program approved by the Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs
- 12 in or on such real property, (2) a person in accordance with an
- 13 agreement entered into between the commissioner and such person or
- such person's employer, or (3) a peace officer, as defined in section 53a-

15 3 of the general statutes, while engaged in the performance of such

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- 16 peace officer's official duties.
- 17 (c) Possession of a weapon upon property controlled by the
- 18 Department of Veterans' Affairs is a class D felony.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Statement of Purpose:

To make it a crime to carry a firearm or other deadly weapon on the property of the Veterans' Home or other Department of Veterans' Affairs property.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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